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From the publisher

For more than 150 years, Associated Newspapers has brought local news to communities in this area. These publications have won hundreds of both state and national journalism awards during that century and a half of publishing and have weathered some serious challenges.

The past few weeks have presented a serious challenge as our editor who is our only editorial staff member, suffered a serious injury and is unable to produce any copy for our local pages. She will be incapacitated for several weeks.

We hope that explains the few pages online this week as we attempt to make decisions and plans for the future.

It is and has been for many, many years, an honor and a privilege of our publications to be entrusted with the publication of legal notices from several communities in the area. Above all else, we plan to honor that trust and publish the vital legal notices this week, although our news coverage is severely lacking in both our usual quality and quantity.

These serious circumstances will impact our plans for the future, but those plans will include, as they have for more than 150 years, our constant commitment to best serve our readership and our communities.

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Whoa!

Township trustees reject plan for Northville racetrack

In a decisive series of events, members of the Plymouth Township Board of Trustees shut down negotiations with Northville Downs to relocate a horseracing gambling track into the township. During a meeting Jan.23, board member voted unanimously to rescind negotiations of the Planned Unit Development (PUD) of Northville Downs, followed by unanimous votes from the Planning Commission on the 29th to both rescind the PUD and to deny the contract's extension. On Feb. 6, board members formally denied the Planned Unit Development (PUD) contract and development plan, according to a prepared statement from officials at the Economic Development Responsibility Alliance (EDRA).

Crowds celebrate the final race at Northville Downs last month. A planned move to Plymouth Township has been rejected by officials.

Residents of Plymouth Township have been raising concerns regarding the gambling facility at town meetings regularly for nearly a year; more than 1,300 have signed a grassroots petition to "Stop the Racetrack".

During the initial Jan. 23 meeting, Township Supervisor Kurt Heise accused Northville Downs' owners of operating in "bad faith". Heise referred to the breakdown in negotiations over the community benefit agreement, in which he and the board sought to offset community opposition to the project with $5M in funding for community recreation. "We did some hard bargaining with them and we demanded a lot from them and they rejected it," Heise reportedly said. Attorneys representing Northville Downs accused the township board members of making "illegal requests for extra money" in mid January. Trustee John Stewart and Treasurer Bob Doroshewitz both acknowledged that the project wasn't a good fit for the community.

During the Jan. 23 meeting, residents expressed concern regarding the initial dealings with Northville Downs, and warned they would continue to be vigilant. During public comments, resident Mary Ann Adams admitted the experience had left her "saddled with pessimism…(about) how this development came to our community, pessimism about our local officials having residents' best interests top of mind, and pessimism about acting in good faith with residents."

Resident Rena Ban scolded the board members: "Opposition to the project has continually grown, and has been made known to you in many different ways, including letting you know at almost every meeting for almost a year. The mishandling of the project has broken community trust, and highlighted the very valid concerns about their board, and the desire and need to have transparency, and accountability…I hope this vote means you have been listening."

Northville Downs' attorney has stated publicly that they are considering their legal options, but no legal action has been taken to date. However, residents aren't convinced the fight is over yet. Meijer sued Plymouth Township last August for denying a special land use to build a large retail store and gas station, and late last month, Wayne County Circuit Court Judge Brian Sullivan ruled in favor of Meijer, allowing the development.

"We have continued to state publicly that this gambling facility is not welcome in our community," said Adams, "and we will continue to monitor legislative activity and to lobby for changes in the outdated laws which put any Michigan community at risk for this type of gambling facility."

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Romulus City Clerk explains cemetery

Romulus City Clerk Ellen Craig Bragg issued a statement last week regarding the early spring cleanup of the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. Her statement, which was posted on social media and the city website, explained the situation which unfortunately resulted in the disposal of some mementos and items from some graves.

At Craig-Bragg's request, her letter to residents regarding the situation follows.

Last week, there was an unscheduled cleanup of wreaths and grave blankets in the Romulus Memorial Cemetery. In an attempt to take advantage of the nice weather, a few members of the Cemetery Board of Trustees cleaned the cemetery in preparation for the Spring season. Though their intentions were good-natured, they did not comply with the posted cemetery cleanup deadline of March 15. Unfortunately, the City Administration was unaware of the cleanup until after it was finished.

It is entirely understandable why many residents are concerned and upset. The City has forwarded those concerns to the Cemetery Board of Trustees Chairperson, who has expressed sincere remorse and takes full responsibility for any dismay they may have inadvertently caused.

On behalf of the Cemetery Board of Trustees, the City would like to apologize to the residents and families impacted by the cleanup. Please rest assured that this matter has not been taken lightly, and steps have been implemented to ensure this does not happen again.

It is important to note that the Cemetery Board of Trustees is a board comprised of residents who volunteer their time to attend to and beautify the cemetery in respect of the many loved ones buried therein. The City appreciates the board's many years of hard work and attentiveness in maintaining the Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

The Cemetery Board of Trustees meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 4:30 pm in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers. Due to the election on February 27, the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 28.

If there are any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the City Clerk's Office at (734) 942.7540.

Ellen L. Craig-Bragg, City Clerk
Romulus Cemetery Sexton

Canton pilot crashes near South Lyon

A Canton Township pilot crashed his small plane 4 miles from the South Lyon airport last week.

The pilot, a resident of Canton, was traveling from Detroit to Saint Louis on a night cargo flight. The unnamed pilot informed the ATC that both engines failed. He was directed to the small airport. Because it was a night flight, he had no visual clues causing him to lose control, stalling and crashing just southwest of South Lyon, 4 miles from the airport. The Beachcraft C-45 Expediter, impacted trees before his destination at the private airstrip near Brighton Road and Eight Mile Road in Green Oak Township, Michigan.

The pilot was not injured, however, the aircraft received substantial damage. The pilot reported to local police that he was coming in for a landing when a gust of wind caused the plane to roll to the left, where the wing clipped a tree branch forcing the plane into the trees. He was not injured and able to climb down from where the plane was "stuck" making it to the ground.

He was the only person inside the plane. The seasoned aviator has over 5,000 flying hours, 3169 of them on the same style as the Beechcraft C-45 Expeditor. The Bureau of Aircraft Accident Archives reported the probable

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The small plane of a Canton Township pilot rests in a tree following a crash near South Lyon last week.

Federal recovery assistance available for flood damage

Home and business owners in nine Michigan counties are now eligible for federal assistance to help recover from damages caused by severe storms, tornadoes, and flooding that occurred on Aug. 24-26, 2023.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) announced on Feb. 8, 2024, that President Joe Biden approved Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer's request for a Major Disaster Declaration in Eaton, Ingham, Ionia, Kent, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, and Wayne counties. The declaration now opens the application process for 60 days for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Individual Assistance (IA) for affected residents.

This FEMA assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses, and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of these disasters.

"This federal assistance that is so greatly appreciated will certainly be put to good use helping those impacted by these devasting storms that not only affected residents and businesses in the Canton community but also touched so many lives in nine counties throughout the state," said Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Canton Township supervisor. "With so much damage in our community, Canton township staff and my office have worked tirelessly to ensure that affected individuals have access to all available resources to assist their recovery from these unprecedented storms."

On Aug. 23-24, 2023, residents and businesses in Wayne County and Canton Township, specifically, experienced storm-related damages from flooding, tornadoes, and straight-line winds that caused significant financial losses, for which Graham-Hudak applied for a State of Emergency with Canton Emergency Manager William Hayes and the Michigan State Police.

"We know that a lot of property damage occurred as a result of these natural disasters and Canton officials look forward to working with our federal partners to see that affected individuals can receive any available assistance after experiencing the effects of these major storms," stated Hayes..

Federal officials now say that residents and business owners who sustained losses in these designated areas can begin applying for assistance at www.DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 800-621-FEMA (3362), or by using the FEMA App, which is available to use and download for free for both Android and iOS systems and can be downloaded on Google Play and from the Apple App Store.

Anyone using a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service, or others, can give FEMA the number for that service. The deadline to apply for federal assistance is April 7, 2024.

Local Disaster Recovery Centers will be set up for applicants requiring in-person assistance from a FEMA representative and location information will be shared once details are finalized. For additional information, visit www.cantonmi.gov.

Crash

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causes were the following; Double engine failure in flight caused by fuel exhaustion, mismanagement of fuel, improper in-flight decisions, fuel exhaustion, improper level off, inadequate pre-flight preparation, complete engine failure, forced landing off airport, vectored to alternate airport due to low fuel, both engines failed before field in sight.

The Aviation Safety Network concurred.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
IN THE HILLSDALE COUNT CIRCUIT COURT
Family Division

In the Matter of:

Apollo Ely
Jaxxon Ely
Jasper Grant

Hon. Michelle A. Bianchi
Case No. 22-0760 NA

To: Edwaed Maddy Jr.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: On November 10, 2022, an original petition was filed in this court for removal of the minor child, a 1st Supplemental petition was filed on or around November 6, 2023. Therefore, a Preliminary Examination will be held on **March 7, 2024, at 8:30 AM**, in the **Probate Courtroom, Hillsdale County Courthouse, Hillsdale, Michigan,** before Timothy Dixon, Probate Court Referee, a Pre-trial Conference will be held on **April 11, 2024, at 8:30 AM**, in the **Juvenile Courtroom, Hillsdale County Courthouse, Hillsdale, Michigan,** before Timothy Dixon, Probate Court Referee in respect to the above-named minor children (Apollo Ely, Jaxxon Ely and Jasper Grant). The law provides that you should be notified of these hearings. **If you fail to appear for these hearings, it will constitute a denial of interest in the minor, a waiver of notice for all subsequent hearings, a waiver of the right to the appointment of an attorney and could result in termination of any parental rights.**

Dated: February 9, 2024

Hillsdale County D.H.S.
Petitioner - 40 Care Drive, Hillsdale, Michigan 49242

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 7, 2024, for the following:

RELEVELING AND REPLACING CEILING TILE GRID – FIRE STATION # 1

Bid may be downloaded on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: mike.sheppard@cantonmi.gov. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

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LOCKER ROOM RENOVATION FLEET BUILDING

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ROOF REPLACEMENT - SHELDONSCHOOL

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed proposals at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2024, for the following:

SUPERVISORY CONTROL & DATA ACQUISITION SYSTEM DESIGN & IMPLEMENTATION

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As Northville Downs current location is now closed permanently, this may be the end of the harness horse racing gambling industry in Michigan.

"A dying, harmful business is not what the community wants for the future of their township, and I hope that you've heard that,"
Ban told the b members.

"Live horse races account for less than 4 percent of wagers at this facility," observed Adams, " however it is still an industry with decades of decline and controversy. This gambling facility contravenes our master plan…Northville Downs holds accountability for thinking it was okay to force itself onto our community without assessing overall residential sentiment–frankly business 101."

GREAT LAKES TOWING IMPOUND & RECOVERY

On Wednesday, February 28th , 2024 at 11:30 am, Great Lakes Towing Impound and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, Mi, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.

2012	**Hyundai**	**4D**	**KMHEC4A47CA042780**	**23-0080584**
2018	**Hyundai**	**4D**	**KMHD84LF1JU445449**	**23-0080584**
2013	**Hyundai**	**4D**	**5NPEB4AC0DH783314**	**23-0080584**
2019	**Toyota**	**4D**	**5YFBURHE4KP873101**	**23-0080584**
2016	**Toyota**	**4D**	**5YFBURHE3GP488216**	**24-0001156**
2001	**Buick**	**4D**	**2G4WS52J411325078**	**24-0001173**
2010	**Suzuki**	**4D**	**JS2RF9A79A6100463**	**24-0001191**
2005	**Honda**	**SW**	**5FNRL38725B099074**	**24-0001319**
2004	**Chevrolet**	**4D**	**1G1ZT54844F121962**	**24-0001499**

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Dearborn Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Dearborn Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2003	**Oldsmobile**	**4D**	**1G3NL52F43C176743**	**23-0031358**

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Taylor Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Taylor Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2015	**Chrysler**	**SW**	**2C4RC1BG0FR730729**	**23-0023554**

The above vehicles are impounded through the Redford Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Redford Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2002	**Mercedes-Benz**	**2D**	**WDBRN47J62A347827**	**23-0029355**
2004	**Chevrolet**	**PU**	**1GCEK19T44E382206**	**23-0031667**

The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Dearborn Heights Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Dearborn Heights Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

2008	**Buick**	**SW**	**5GAER23738J298535**	**24-0002624**
2008	**Cadillac**	**PU**	**3GYFK62838G215559**	**24-0002766**
1999	**Cadillac**	**4D**	**1G6KD54YXXU784915**	**23-0060241**

The above vehicles are impounded through the Westland Police Department. All paperwork must be picked up from the Westland Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.

All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

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LIGHTING & AUDIO FOR CANTON LIBERTYFEST

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SUMPTER TOWNSHIP
2024 MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW

NOTICE TO THE TAXPAYERS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF SUMPTER TOWNSHIP

The **BOARD OF REVIEW** of Sumpter Township will be held on the following dates:

March 5th, Tuesday
4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
(Organizational Meeting)
No Appeals Heard at this Meeting

March 11th, Monday
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

March 14th, Thursday
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

REVIEW IN PERSON IS BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Taxpayers/Property Owners may appeal by making an appointment to appear before the Board of Review **OR** by letter appeal (personal appearance is not required).

Letters of appeal must be received by noon MARCH 14, 2024.

Appointments to appeal in person may be scheduled by calling the Assessing Office at 734-256-4413 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. by MARCH 5, 2024.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2024 are as follows:

Agricultural	43.51	1.1491
Commercial	45.73	1.0934
Industrial	48.24	1.0365
Residential	44.02	1.1358
Personal	50.00	1.0000

Esther Hurst
Sumpter Township

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